Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, According to 2004 statistics, men have a shorter life expectancy of 75.7 years compared to 80.8 years for women, and men also have higher death rates for all causes of death; and,

Whereas, The leading causes of death for men are heart disease, cancer, and cerebrovascular disease; and,

Whereas, The leading causes of cancer death among men are lung and bronchus, colorectal and prostate cancer; and,

Whereas, Educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and,

Whereas, Men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and,

Whereas, South Dakota men can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social and spiritual health; and,

Whereas, National Men's Health Week will serve to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health habits and preventative health practices, and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys; and,

Whereas, The citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical check-ups:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12 through 18, 2006, as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State